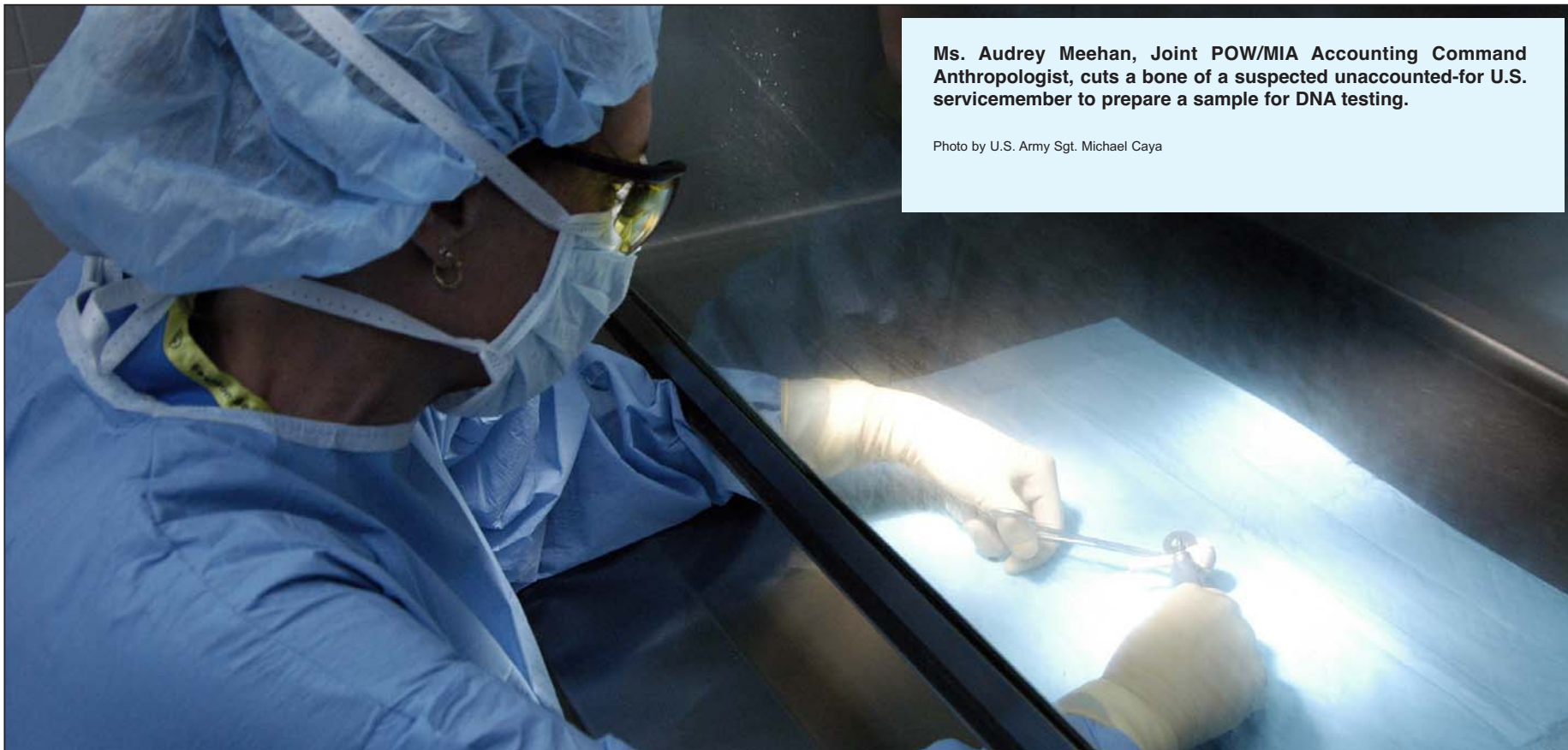


Bringing home our lost, but not forgotten



Ms. Audrey Meehan, Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command Anthropologist, cuts a bone of a suspected unaccounted-for U.S. servicemember to prepare a sample for DNA testing.

Photo by U.S. Army Sgt. Michael Caya

By Kirsten Tacker
Kukini Photojournalist

The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command is dedicated and committed to bringing home the nation's servicemembers and civilians who lost their life during war.

Every case is like a puzzle for the JPAC team, especially if they lack teeth or mitochondrial DNA for the unidentified human.

Dog tags, watches, wedding rings, pieces of the uniform, rank insignia, hats, helmets, boots or Zippo lighters can all be used as compelling evidence to uncover the owner's identity.

"Our motto is . . . Until They Are Home," said 1st Lt. Jim Ivie, JPAC. "When you see all the things that go into it [identifying remains] you'll really know we mean that until they are home, we will do everything we can as an organization."

JPAC's mission is to achieve the fullest possible accounting of all Americans missing as a result of our nation's previous conflicts, including a high priority of returning any living Americans that remain prisoners of war.

"We have 88,000 missing," said Lieutenant Ivie. "We have a sacred mission because there are certainly a lot of families that deserve answers about what happened to their loved ones."

Ordinarily JPAC does 25 missions a year, but currently they are not operational in North Korea.

"So we are really doing 20 missions right now," said Lieutenant Ivie. "When we talk about a mission, it is more than one team going to one site. A mission usually involves several teams, both investigation teams and recovery teams."

JPAC houses the Central Identification Laboratory and it is the largest forensic anthropology laboratory in the world.

"We use DNA quite frequently in our cases," said Lieutenant Ivie. "We use a little bit different kind of DNA, mitochondrial DNA, here which is passed down from the maternal line."

The reason CIL uses mtDNA is because there is more of it in the bone and is more reliable to get from nuclear DNA. Also mtDNA is more reliable in retrieving from old remains.

"Obviously from WWII, Korean War and Vietnam there are no DNA samples on file for these people that are missing," said Lieutenant Ivie. "We need family reference samples to match, so when a sample is taken from their bone we'll have something to match it to. We will know who it is, DNA tells you nothing if you have nothing to match it to."

The teeth are as close as a scientist can come to the skeleton to have a fingerprint. A tooth can also be hollowed out to get DNA from the bone inside. Still without a complete database of family mtDNA samples to match the process to identify a person's remains are more difficult.

"Long story short we need to

build up our database, especially with the Korean War we are sorely lacking in family reference samples," said Lieutenant Ivie. "A lot of times mtDNA can be the piece that solves the case, we just don't have anything to compare it to"

There are so many variables that stack the odds against uncovering the mystery of identification, no matter how persuasive the evidence might be. It is important that the evidence is passed through as few hands as possible, but in the case of sites in Southeast Asia unfortunately that isn't always the case.

"In Southeast Asia the soil is some of the most acidic in the world. It really eats away at the remains," said Lieutenant Ivie. "The other thing that hurts what we find in Southeast Asia is the crash site has been scavenged, the locals can sell scrap metal or they use it in their huts."

The Vietnamese have done things like used truck tire blanks and turned them into sandals or made a machete from an A1-E propeller. Evidence that can help build a case if it was retrieved. These and many other obstacles daunt the process of reunification.

However, people who made the ultimate sacrifice and died during war have been returned to their families.

"Since this mission was first stood up in 1973, it is nearing 13,000 [reunited with their families]. There's still a lot of work to be done," concluded Lieutenant Ivie.



Photo by U.S. Army Sgt. Christopher Paul

Dr. Thomas Sprague, Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command Anthropologist, examines pieces of clothing found during a January excavation mission to the Lao People's Democratic Republic in search of the remains of unaccounted-for American servicemembers from the Vietnam War.



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Crossword Puzzle: Women’s History

By Capt. Tony Wickman
71 Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

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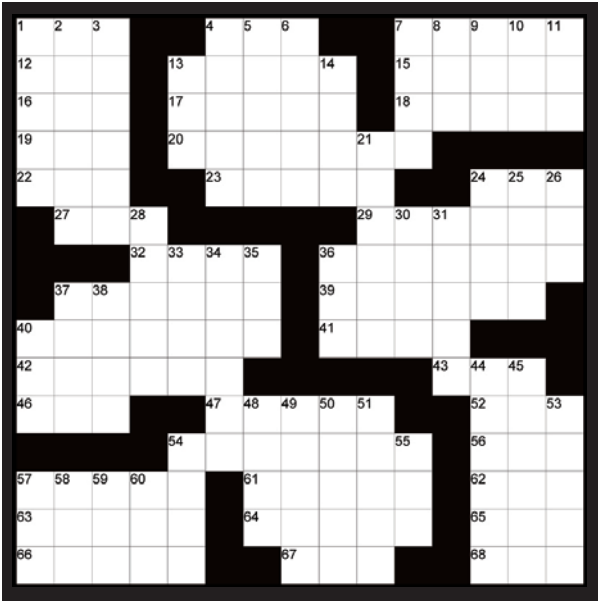
- 1. Dined
- 4. Sprocket
- 7. First director of the Women’s Auxiliary Air Corps
- 12. Omnipotent being
- 13. Chanticleer
- 15. X-Games trick
- 16. Pilot with 5+ kills
- 17. Greek island
- 18. First American-born saint
- 19. Mission of UAVs
- 20. First woman to fly solo across Atlantic
- 22. Nothing
- 23. Savor
- 24. Precious stone
- 27. Earn
- 29. Adjusted to make suitable
- 32. Spoken words at military enlistment

- 36. First woman secretary of a U.S. military branch
- 37. Taiwan city
- 39. Corrects
- 40. First woman astronaut to command a space shuttle mission.
- 41. First woman U.S. attorney general
- 42. Bahamas capital
- 43. Decade divisions, in short
- 46. Bother
- 47. Woodworking tools
- 52. MCI competitor
- 54. First woman member of a presidential cabinet
- 56. Gun lobby
- 57. First African-American woman to receive a patent
- 61. Metric weights
- 62. Grammy-nominated woman rapper Li'l ____
- 63. War god
- 64. Clairvoyants
- 65. Nickname for 34th president
- 66. Dutch style of glazed earthenware

- 67. Concorde, in brief
 - 68. Actor Beatty
- DOWN
- 1. Afresh
 - 2. A warning
 - 3. First woman to swim the English Channel (1926)
 - 4. 24 ACROSS weight
 - 5. Musical theater
 - 6. Roman Empire invaders
 - 7. Entertain
 - 8. Bullring cheer
 - 9. Classic sandwich
 - 10. Account of a person’s life
 - 11. Desire
 - 13. AF Exec.’s office symbol
 - 14. Tidy
 - 21. Government
 - 24. Alumna
 - 25. Snakelike fish
 - 26. 1550 to Cicero
 - 28. Works hard
 - 30. Heaven

- 31. Bother
- 33. Samoan capital
- 34. Teacher’s status
- 35. Towel marking
- 36. Battle
- 37. Amphibian
- 38. Too
- 40. Dr.’s helper
- 44. First woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives
- 45. Hit
- 48. Large, commodious boats
- 49. Open ____ military treaty
- 50. Heaps
- 51. Shot
- 53. Domesticated
- 54. Nuisance
- 55. Draft org.
- 57. Gallivant
- 58. Mining goal
- 59. Baby or mineral
- 60. ____ Leppard

See SOLUTION, B4



12th Annual CSSG-3 Swamp Romp

MCB Hawaii – Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) and Combat Service Support Group 3 (CSSG-3) are looking for a few good teams to see what is really means to be a Marine. Well, at least for a day that is.

Oahu’s dirtiest footrace, the legendary Swamp Romp, returns to Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH), Kaneohe Bay on Mar. 25, so start cross training now. The race will begin at the Boondocker building, neighboring the Marine Corps Exchange Annex parking lot. The starting gun will give runners their first chance to get into the combat training mood at 7 a.m. sharp.

“The "Swamp Romp" is our way of giving the local community an opportunity to experience some of the fun aspects of the Marine Corps camaraderie and teamwork while negotiating a challenging race course of mud, sand, ocean, obstacles and more mud,” described Col. Brian Hearnberger, Commanding Officer of the sponsoring unit, CSSG-3.

Every year, the Swamp Romp boasts a course that gets even the grunts grueling.

This event is open to any daring team, including the public. CSSG and Marine Corps Community Services are inviting military, school, government and sports teams, or anyone else who thinks they can handle this experience.

Runners must have a team of six, and must all finish together. Teams that finish without a teammate will be penalized 60 seconds from their total race time.

Every year, the race’s course changes to keep returning teams guessing. When asked for a preview of the new course, Hearnberger stated that he was “not about to reveal changes incorporated to boost the satisfaction of participants!”

“The most recent addition to this event is the option to register and pay

online,” stated Stacy Barkdull, MCCS Varsity Sports Coordinator. “We’re excited as it’s a first for us, and makes it even easier for customers to register. The event costs \$120 per team of six. Registration and payment options can be found online at www.mccshawaii.com.

Along with the opportunity to witness first-hand some of the obstacles and endurance tests Marines must endure, all runners will also receive a participation t-shirt, proving that they were tough enough to overcome the Swamp Romp.

“This event enriches our relationship with the citizens of Oahu and also helps us to learn from our them,” stated Hearnberger. “The leadership shown by teams running the Swamp Romp always impresses our young Marines.”

Awards and medals will be provided to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers. Don’t worry about your car’s upholstery, showers will be provided on site to rinse off after the race - you’ll need it!

MCB Hawaii’s Unit teams will be awarded CG’s Fitness Series points for participation.

Teams may enter in the following divisions based on team-members accumulative ages. Young Men: Total age not greater than 120 yrs. Warriors Men: Total age more than 120 yrs., but less than 210 yrs. Masters Men: Total age greater than 210 yrs. Women Open: Total age not greater than 210 yrs. Masters Women: Total age greater than 210 yrs. Mixed: 3 men, 3 women, any age.

The 2005 Swamp Romp saw over 196 teams participate. The event will open its gates to up to 250 teams this year, so registration is recommended early.

Next to the Blues on the Bay Airshow and BayFest, the Swamp Romp is Marine Corps Base Hawaii and MCCS’ 3rd largest community relations event.

What:	12th Annual CSSG-3 Swamp Romp – Obstacle laden mud run
When:	March 25
Where:	Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay
Who:	Open to the public
How:	Register and pay online at www.mccshawaii.com
Contact:	Edward Hanlon V MCCS Public Relations Tel: 808-254-7679 Fax: 808-254-7654




For further information, please call MCCS Varsity Sports at 254-7590 or MCCS Public Relations at 254-7679. www.mccshawaii.com


AT THE MOVIES

Memorial Theater 448-2297 • CLOSED Monday and Tuesday

Today, and Saturday, 7 p.m.
Glory Road – The inspiring true story of the underdog Texas Western basketball team, with history's first all African American starting line-up of players, who took the country by storm, surprisingly winning the 1966 NCAA tournament title. Josh Lucas stars as Hall of Famer Don Haskins, the passionately dedicated college basketball coach that changed the history of basketball with his team's victory in this time. Rated PG for racial issues with violence and epithets, language.



Sunday 7 p.m.
Tristan and Isolde – In the medieval legend of Tristan and Isolde, young lovers become doomed against the forces of royal politics. English knight Tristan wins the hand of the daughter of the Irish King, but the love threatens the truce between their two countries. Rated PG-13 for battle sequences, and sexuality.





Senior Airman Rebekah A. Cortez
26th Air and Space Intelligence

26th Air and Space Intelligence rocks because: I really enjoy the mission and the things I'm learning.

My job affects all of Hickam in that: We provide the Pacific Air Operations Center and the Kenney Warfighting Headquarters with necessary critical intelligence for their operations.

When not at work, I spend my off duty time: Checking out different restaurants with my husband and playing with our Golden Retriever at the beach.

Something people don't know about the 26th Air and Space Intelligence: If there are any contingencies in the Pacific area of responsibility, they will be executed with significant input from my unit.

If I could change one thing about Hickam, it would be: Better parking and better variety/more consistent stocking at the BX and Commissary.

What the supervisor has to say: SrA Cortez is extremely motivated and a model airman. She is quick to learn new tasks and can always be depended on to get things done. She is proactive and a great asset to my squadron as evidenced by her selection as the Kenney HQ Airman of the Quarter, Oct-Dec 05!

*Lt Col Scott Murray, Commander,
26th Air & Space Intelligence Squadron*



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CHAPEL

Editor's note: For more information on Base Chapel services or for prayer requests call the Chapel Center at 449-1754 or Nelles Chapel at 449-6562.

<p>PROTESTANT</p> <p>Nelles Chapel</p> <p>Sunday Contemporary Service 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Sunday Gospel Worship 11:15 a.m.</p> <p>Sunday Praise Gathering 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Chapel Center</p> <p>Sunday Traditional 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p>JEWISH</p> <p>Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor 473-0050</p> <p>Jewish Lay Leader Mr. David Bender 527-5877</p> <p>Naval Station Chapel 473-3971</p>	<p>CATHOLIC</p> <p>Nelles Chapel</p> <p>Weekday Mass 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Saturday Confessions 4:15 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday Mass 5 p.m.</p> <p>Chapel Center</p> <p>Sunday Mass 10 a.m.</p>	<p>ISLAMIC</p> <p>Friday Congregational Service (1935 Aleo Place, Punahou) 1 p.m.</p> <p>Muslim Association of Hawaii 947-6263</p>	<p>BUDDHIST</p> <p>Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin A Shin Buddhist Temple 536-7044</p> <p>ORTHODOX</p> <p>For more information, call 438-6687</p>
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After School special

For youths between the ages of 5 and 18 starting in March: \$1 bowling and 25 cents for shoes, Wednesday & Thursday, 1 – 9 p.m.
For more info call Bowling Center 449-2702.

Thunder Alley

Sunday special \$2 bowling noon – 4 p.m. Glow in the Dark bowling and select your own jukebox music.

\$1 bowling Monthly Special

Every Tuesday from 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Kau Kau Korner

Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.(except holidays) Purchase a Daily Plate Lunch and receive a 12 ounces ice-cold soft drink free.

Pau Hana Party

Every Friday evening, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Green Room. Free pupus for members. For more info call Officers’ Club 448-4608.



Sorbet

Beginning in March, guess the ingredients of the O’Club Friday night dining sorbet and win a free Friday night dinner.

Introduction to the wonderful game of golf

Saturdays through Mar 25, 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. The cost is \$99 for the clinic. Register on-line www.hickamservices.com. Click on golf or www.playgolfamerica.com. Limited to the first six students. For more info call Mamala Golf Course 449-6490/2525.

MacGregor Demo Day

Mar 11, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Come out and try all the new products for 2006.

The 54-Hole Hickam Invitation Golf Tournament

May 5 - 7. Entry Fee is \$145. Format: Stroke Play. Merchandise certificates will be awarded throughout each flight. Flights are: Championship, Alpha, Bravo, Senior and Super Senior. Tournament is open to all military and civilian players. Entries will be accepted from March 20 – April 21 or until the field is full.

Spring Jr. Golf Tournament

Tourney is March 25. Sign up by March 22. Format: 18 Hole individual stroke play. Juniors will be paired by age. The cost of \$15 includes green fees, prizes and hot dog lunch. Limited to the first 36 players. Open to all author-

ized Jr. Golfers (Military or DOD) and guest 7- to -17 years old. For more info call Par 3 Golf Course 448-2318.

Bottom fishing within Hickam Harbor

Sunday March 12, 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. \$25/person includes two guides, boat transportation, fishing poles and bait. Three to six persons on the boat. For more info call Outdoor Recreation 449-5215.

Learn to scuba dive and swim

Throw pool parties and have fun shaping up in water fitness course. For more info call Outdoor Recreation 449-5215.

The 12th Annual Enlisted Club Golf Tournament

March 17 at Mamala Bay Golf Course. Post tournament prime rib and fish dinner at the Enlisted Club. For more info call the Enlisted Club 448-2271.

We’ve got you number

Beginning in March, look for your club card’s last seven digits in ‘Inside Services’ magazine. If you find your card go to the Enlisted Club and you’ll get a \$10 coupon for Mongolian barbeque. For more info call the Enlisted Club 448-2271.

31st Annual Hickam Spring Craft Fair

May 6 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Get ready to participate in one of the biggest craft fairs on the Island! Registration begins Saturday,

April 15 at 8 a.m. and continues until May 5. A 15 ft. x 15 ft. space is only \$65. Share the space with another participant and split the cost of \$85. All work must be handmade by you. Bring samples of what you’ll be selling, the day you register. Want to register by mail? Call for the mail in application. For more info call the Arts and Craft Center 449-1568 x101

Photo printing now available at the Arts and Craft Center

With the Sony Picture Station, we can enlarge and print your digital photos in seconds.

National Craft Month

Save 10 percent on everything (excluding car lot), for the entire month. You must bring in this ad to receive the 10 percent. Free snacks for all visitors to the Sales Store. For more info call the Arts and Craft Center 449-1568 x101



Easter Egg Painting Class

Classes start March 11, 18 and 25, April 1, 8 and 15, Saturdays 10 a.m. – noon. The cost is \$10 per day. Ceramic eggs will be provided. All ages are welcome to participate.

Sign up at the Ceramic Shop or, call 449-1568 x 110.

Johnny Appleseed Day

Receive an apple for visiting our Sales Store on Saturday 11 March. One per customer.

Scrapbook Night

March 16, 5 to 9:30 p.m. Door prizes, pupus and special discounts. Everyone who wears green or creates a St. Patrick’s Day page receive an extra prize. Must be 18 years or older.

Framing and Engraving

An inexpensive print can look like a masterpiece hanging on your wall with the right selection of matte, color and frame style. Proper matting and framing can also protect your artwork. Let our professionals custom-frame your work or you can do-it-yourself after completing our Basic Framing Class. Classes are offered monthly. Framed pictures make great gifts!

Build a Beautiful Gift

At the Wood Hobby Center 449-3592. Take a class, or build your dream project at facility located in our Hickam neighborhood. Required safety qualifications classes are offered every Saturday morning from 8:30 – 10 a.m.

Scrapbooking Club

March 18, 9 a.m.- 9 p.m. \$25/half day or \$30/full day. Create your memory books, learn techniques and enjoy the company of fellow scrap bookers. Fee includes the use of cropping tools, informative handouts and pupus. For more info call the

Community Center 449-3354.

Tailgate Sales

Starts 7-10 a.m. Mar 18 at Burger King parking lot. Do you have a ton of extra items taking up space? Make a few bucks and find them a good home at the Hickam Tailgate Sale. End stalls: \$11, all other stalls: \$8. Stall reservations are due by the Wednesday before the tailgate date.

Teen Drivers Education Instruction

Saturday’s 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Classes are on-going. The next session begins in April. This is a six-week class followed by six hours of behind the wheel instruction. The fee is \$365. Call to register.

Kindermusik Class

This child-centered program helps children develop emotionally, cognitively, musically, physically, and socially through fun music and movement activities. Families use home materials to make music and learning part of their family time together. The cost is \$75 - \$150 per 8 – 15 week session.

Character Dance

Open to 2-year-old children through adults. Classes are designed to provide the basic knowledge of different disciplines of dance. Combination of all different types of dance concentration to include lyrical, modern and jazz. Most of the dances are performed to musicals or movie theme songs.

Team Hickam History

The Air Force's
most historic
airfield

March 6, 1914 – Battery Hawkins is completed at Fort Kamehameha, with two 3-inch rifles installed, and is officially turned over to the Coastal Artillery.

March 5, 1956 - A cargo-laden C-124 Globemaster made a belly landing at Hickam when the pilot apparently forgot to lower his landing gear. "Preliminary investigation indicates the possibility that a crew error may have entered into the accident," an Air Force spokesman said. All 11 crewmen aboard the plane escaped injury.

March 7, 1996 – More than 100 personnel from the Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Wing deployed from Hickam to Incirlik AB, Turkey, for a thirty-day deployment in support of Operation Provide Comfort II.

March 6, 2003 – The wing's new C-40 flew on its first distinguished visitor (DV) mission, carrying the COMPACOM Admiral Thomas B. Fargo to the U.S. east coast. (See photo, below, of C-40 arriving at Hickam on this day).

March 6, 2003 – From 26 February to 6 March 2003, a series of 4 scoping meetings were held at Hickam AFB to assess community concern regarding the C-17 beddown. C-17 briefers fielded questions about the possibility of more jobs, curiosity about the C-17 aircraft, and concern over increased noise from the bigger airlifters.

